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WA Labor invited to consult with Hospitality Industry

The Australian Hotels Association (WA) has extended an open door policy to WA Labor and the Leader of the Opposition, the Hon. Mark McGowan MLA, to consult regarding the needs of hospitality businesses and Labor's proposed new liquor policy.

Mr. Bradley Woods, AHA(WA) CEO, said some of Mr. McGowan's policies announced today could be of benefit to the hospitality industry and the community, however it was vital the industry be included and consulted on this issue.

"In principle, the hospitality industry would be supportive of measures that reduce red tape, and promote a vibrant and safe environment for our patrons.

"The AHA(WA) welcomes the streamlining of processes for development approvals.

"The Association would support the establishment of a Banned Drinking Register, similar to the legislation in the Northern Territory, and would welcome a trial of ID scanning technology in the Kimberley.

"The development of policy by undertaking discussions with the WA Police and other government agencies is one step but, it is vital discussions also include industry stakeholders and representatives to ensure the best possible outcome for the community is achieved," said Mr. Woods.

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